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Amendments to the Specification:

In the specification at page 8, between lines 29 and 30, please insert the following:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 is a graph showing the galactosidase activities of the LbS parent strain and of the I-1968 mutant in accordance with the invention, measured as a function of time.

EXAMPLES--